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FOLLY AMBITIONS

I clutched the fairy wings of hope,
Within my eager fingers;
And lo! a sobbing empty husk
Of disappointment lingers.

I clung to rules of scholarship,
Expecting recognition;
And, phantom-like, they slip away
To mock my vain ambition.

I snatched at wit and eloquence
To make my reputation;
But, insincere, repute ignores
Without an explanation.

I cast the idle trinkets by,
And sought my Father's pardon;
Behold a peace more dear than Fame
Fills all the heart's dream garden.

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A PERFECT LIFE

Lauretta Lanchas

WE have one example of a perfect life,--- that of the meek and lowly Jesus. He endured many hardships, but not in one did He fail. After forty days and nights of fasting, He was assailed by the devil in the wilderness, but yielded not. He ever looked to His Father Who strengthened Him, and when tempted rebuked the evil one by texts of Scripture

Naturally, we cannot live a perfect life on this earth, but by looking to Christ as a guide, and adopting the Perfect Law as our standard of righteouessness, we can mold our lives to conform to that perfect example. The words, "We shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," does not imply that the wicked are to be changed at all. It is the righteous who receive the change and that in the perfection of godliness and immortality. However, the first stage of perfection is to be attained in our daily round of life.

While perfecting our lives, however, we must not be working for our selves alone; but must ever be on board the life-boat, Eternity, seeking the souls that are sinking with the angry billows and treacherous torrents. If

we continually strive to help others, our life will be preserved and strengthened in the ways of God. To mentally deny evil is not sufficient; it must by daily, hourly, momently practice be overcome. He must abide in us and we in Him.

Our lives may be compared to a tall brick monument towering high into the heavens, with the word of God as the foundation. Every day that we treasure some unforgiven sin in our hearts, one of these precious bricks is removed, but on every victorious day, there is one added. Thus, we may subtract or add to the principles of our character.

The life that God has given us is to be a bright and shining light to those about us. We are to be so saturated with the word of God, that our light will not be dimmed by the frequent breezes of skepticism, but will ever grow brighter, that those about us may see our light and find their way to the footsteps of Christ. Once on the path, their sight becomes stronger and their vision plainer.

" Yet a little while " we have the great pleasure of telling those about us of God who loved them so that " He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This " everlasting life " is the ceaseless ages of eternity that we are to spend with Christ in that glorious kingdom which he has gone to prepare.

Would it not seem good to have these words gently fall from the lips of our blessed Redeemer: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" It is the blessed privilege of each of us to have these words addressed to us.

With divine grace, Christ exprest His faith and hope as He pointed out class after class as blessed, because of haveing forsaken sin. Liveing the life of the Life-giver, thru faith in Him, every one can reach the standard He holds up in His precious word.



YOUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED

Hear Fellow Students, are you aware of the fact that your days are numbered? Do you realize that you cannot always abide in these happy school rooms? Do you know that there comes a time in each life when those things, which seem most dear to us, must be left behind?

There are great gaps in the ranks. Are you willing to fill up the gap that is waiting for you. There are numerous battle fields beyond. Call your soldiers to arms! The soldiers of brain and sinew! Call them every one, and prepare for the battles before you.

The drilling process is now on in your lives. Now is the time to prepare, the time to make ready! Improve

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PLEASANT MEMORIES
of
THE FORESTONIAN STAFF of '13
AN APPRECIATED VISITOR
Claude Degering '13 Editor

NEXT to the letter from home along about pay day the most appreciated piece of mail is THE FORESTONIAN bringing as it does, from month to month, its News Notes, Editorials, and short Articles from the pens of its contributors, I cannot but feel a growing interest in the school in whose class rooms I was privileged to spend such a pleasant year.

As I read and re-read its pages, I cannot but feel that it is doing a work that will be of lasting benefit to Forest Home and one that could not be accomplished otherwise.

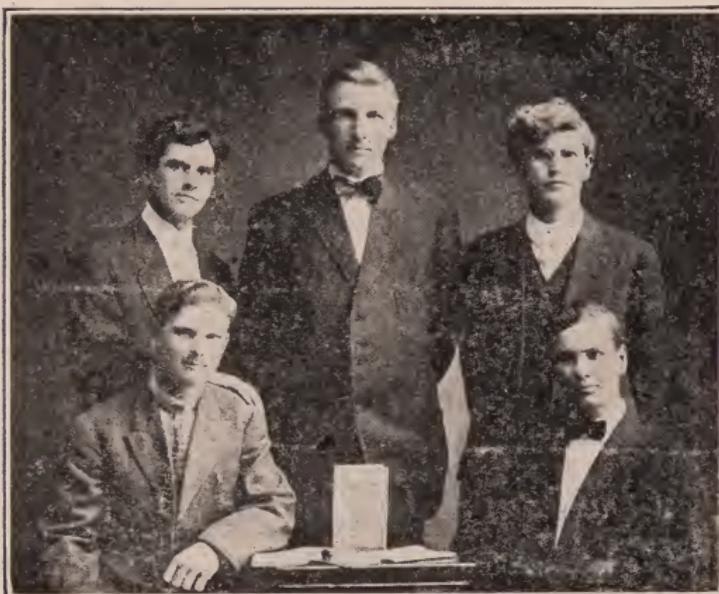
The present Staff is to be congratulated for the high standard they are maintaining for the paper. May this volume prove the best yet is the sincere wish of a loyal FORESTONIAN.



CRITICISM

Aaron H. Larson '13 Literary Editor

CCRITISM consists of two kinds, -- the just and unjust. They can readily be distinguished by the spirit in



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which they are given. Just criticism given with sincerity and disinterested motives, if received, will be of great value to one in rectifying mistakes, acquiring knowledge, and getting a variety of view points. Whether just or unjust, criticism is hard to receive except where approbation is express and then it oftentimes has no real value. Most often criticism is merely finding fault. By this no one is benefited. The one who tries to find fault with everybody and everything has weary motives from the start, and is not generally in a very good state of mind. The subject of his

animadversions, if it be a person, does not always receive them with the greatest joy, and then there is general ill-feeling. A great amount of good might be accomplished if all, instead of finding fault, would seek out the merits of the case under consideration. So let us be optimistic and when there are two sides to the question let us look on the bright side.



IS IT WORTH WHILE ?

Lyle C. Wilcox '13 Business Manager

A short time ago I had the privilege of visiting an Old Soldier's Home. I was deeply impressed with what I saw there. There were hundreds of men in this Home; many of them crippled, most of them gray and bent with the weight of many years pressing doubly hard upon them because of the hardships past thru. There were men who once strong and powerful, had their frames broken down like the wrecks of buildings after a fire had swept thru. Death visited their Home every day. These men had given their all to the cause that was dear to their hearts. Called to enlist in their youth, they gave the best of their lives for their country. But not a word of complaint is to be heard from them. They love to tell the story of their hardships and struggles; glad that their sacrifice saved the Union. But where is their lasting reward?

Dear friends, we have a cause that demands our all. We are young and the call of the world is alluring; but

shall we not enlist, even tho we do come out at the end broken down in health? Our service will not be needed long, and when all is over, and our cause has triumphed, will we not be satisfied and happy that we made the sacrifice? The fruit of our victory will be eternal. Our reward, a home everlasting where death never intrudes. Is it worth while?



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our moments with real earnest work and study. Let no time pass by unused. If your drilling is but to prepare you for worldly fame, for worldly honor; you have no time to loose; but you have a higher aim than this, yea far above it.

Here you are at Forest Home or some other place as the case may be, preparing for life duties. Make the most of your opportunities. Not only your days but your hours and your moments are numbered. The time will come when you will have to leave those happy class rooms, bid farewell to them, and move on to take up life's duties.

The past has flown as it were on the wing of an eagle, but the future lies before you. When you stab it, stab it with a power, a will, and a consecration to your work, that will last thru out the ages of eternity.

J. J. D.

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Did you ever use either of these so-called excuses: "I have not time," or "I can not"? If so, you had better consider, and then reconsider them. The first is no excuse at all, and the latter is only an hypothesis to be proven.

We all have the same length years, months and days (yes and even our minutes are of equal duration), and the only reason that some accomplish so much more than others is not because they have more time, but because they use their time to a better advantage.

It is not more time we need, but more diligence and application. A determined effort to make every second yield one hundred percent profit.

With the familiar and frequent visitor Mr. Can't we are all more or less acquainted. Scarcely an hour goes by without us being ushered into his presence. Sometimes we give a slight glance and pass on, but more often his mighty sword of failure seems to span the entire way. With the pomp of a Goliath he stands before us. Like

a dagger, his keen eye pierces the darkness; yet by one beam of success he is blinded, and we are allowed to pass on in triumph.

Before you start, determine to keep going. Pick your beams of success (principles of right and determination to succeed) as surely and carefully as David picked his five smooth stones, and you are sure to succeed.



Dissecting is no fine art, it is no usefull science, yet seems to be practiced all over the world. In it's own little sphere it is well and good, out of which it is exceedingly harmful and injurious.

Any one can dissect or tear to pieces, but did you ever try doing what you had undone. If not try it and you will come to the inevitable opinion that dissecting or tearing to pieces is one thing and putting together or building up another; in fact a real problem and task.



"The desire of power in excess caused the angles to fall: the desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall;" but there is no excess in little deeds of kindness.



We are very sorry that it has been necessary to reduce the size of this issue, but owing to unforeseen events the current number goes to the press under great difficulties.

The young folks, and the older ones as well, were made glad last week, by those cold clear days which made the the ice a predominant feature once again. However the ice lasted only a few days, not long enough to conflict seriously with lessons.

Miss Flossie Houde returned to her home in Ranier Wash. last Friday after having spent the first semester at Forest Home. We are all sorry to see her go and feel that we have lost a worthy member from our circle.

Miss Bell spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Seattle.

Miss Veda Giddings is taking charge of the musical department of the Academy, since the first of the year.

We were interested in the assembly room last Saturday night, by a mock trial. Albert Adams was accused with Petty Larceny. Professor Conard acted attorney for the defendant, Mr. Lee Nagel as prosecuting attorney, Professor Baber judge and Edward F. Degering sheriff. The trial proved very interesting and entertaining all the way thru. The case resulted in a hung jury, consequently the case was dismissed.

Prof. D. D. Rees is making a short visit with his family at Forest Home. We were glad to hear his timely and encouraging remarks at chapel Friday.

Mr. Nelson of Seattle spent Saturday and Sunday at the Academy visiting his son and daughter Professor and Miss Gertrude Nelson.

Professors Baber and Conard met with the Con-

ference Committee last week.

A fire which proved very destructive started in the flue of Mr. O. C. Hollenbeck's store which is located at Forest Home Crossing. Mr. Hollenbeck was just across the road when he noticed the fire, but was able to save only a few sacks of grain and some boxes of cookies.

Mrs. Florence Holmes Rawlins past away at the home of her parents on January 4, having been bed-fast for several months. She leaves a father, mother, brother, sister, husband and little son to mourn her loss. The deceased was a graduate of Forest Home Academy and is greatly missed by her many friends and especially those who were her schoolmates.

The Library Scieience Class is progressing nicely and is making the library look like a first class library room.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Favor, Mistresses Rees, Altman and Lanchs were Seattle visitors last week.

Mrs. Hollenbeck is not expected to return from her trip to the East for about a month.

The History of Missions class has been formed to follow Denominational History.

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The typographical work on the present number was done by the editor and manager. Poor as it may de, we are not ashamed of it as we feel that ignorance is sometimes excusable.

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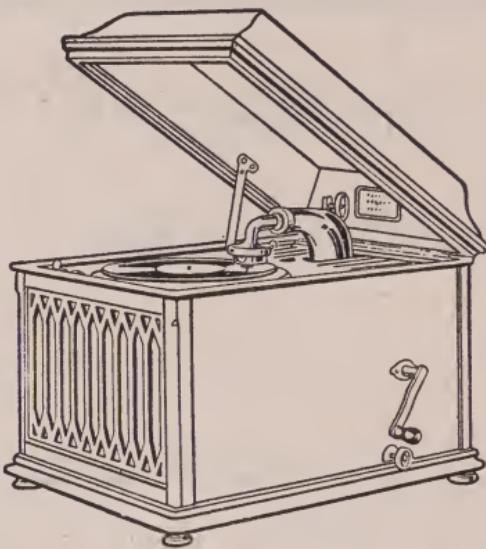
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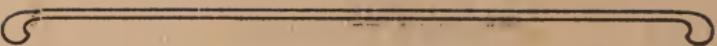
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